CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : **(i) Providing amenities to the labourers engaged in drought Areas in Indi and Sindgi Taluks.**

Sri J. L. KABADE (Ballolli).—I call the attentions of the Chief Minister to the failure of authorities to provide amentit es to the labourers engaged in drought areas in Indi and Sindgi Taluks.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister.—Sir, I make the following Statement.

"The Junior Engineers who have been posted at these work-spots are responsible not only for supervising the execution of work but also for providing reasonable amenities to the labourers engaged on these works.

Foodgrains are being supplied regularly to labourers. Fair Price Shops have been established at the workspots themselves or in nearby villages. There have been no instances of starvation.

Adequate drinking water arrangements have been made in the workspots by transport of water in carts from nearby irrigation wells. Some of these wells have also been deepened to ensure adequate supply.

The question of providing street lighting in temporary labour camps does not arise. However, kerosine lamps will be provided for the convenience of labourers.

Implements are being distributed to labourers who require them and wages are being paid regularly once a week."

Madam Speaker, subsequently the Hon. Minister Sri Channa-basappa and some Hon. Members had gone there and found some defects in making the arrangements in drought areas. This has appeared in the Press. All these defects which have come to the notice of the Hon. Members will be immediately attended to. Now temporary huments have also been constructed to be given to these workers. In this connection I would beg your leave to make a suggestion to the Hon. Members of this House particularly to the members who have come from these drought affected areas. I am not talking about Gulbarga, Bidar and Raichur Districts only. Keeping in view the entire State and particularly these 4 drought affected areas, I am making this suggestion. We are very keen to see these canal works of Upper Krishna as well as Ghataprabha and Malaprabha are taken up as large measure as possible. To help us to enlarge the works of these canals I would request the Hon. Members through you, I am not referring to this party or that party, who represent the area to equitably make efforts to see that the labourers move from the area to these regions so that whatever money we are spending for drought relief will become

productive and the canal work is taken up as quickly as possible. It looks as if the people of the villages are not responsible for these things on their part. They do not want to move and they want to work in the close-by area. To what extent we can provide work continuously in their respective areas or villages could be imagined by the Hon. Members. The money that the Government of India have promised through this famine relief for taking up these productive works of canal, we may not be able to spend if things persist in this way. Therefore, I request the Hon. Members to use their good offices, influence and see that these people should move to the work spots in larger number so that we will be in a better position to give relief for a few months.

1-00 P.M.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—All aspects of the questions—defects, deficiencies and lapses—in this huge under-taking have been observed not only by me but also by the hon. Leader of the Opposition and a number of other Members who have all gone there and inspected many projects and actually taken stock of those things and we have come to certain unanimous decisions as to what has to be done and orders have already followed on many points. The statement is under preparation. Well, it is a comprehensive statement and it may take a little time. I will make best efforts to make a statement during the course of the day and if per chance, the typing and cyclostyling take a little time, I will positively make a statement immediately after the question hour. After hearing the statement and about the orders, I expect that there will be no occasion for any hon. Member to feel dissatisfied.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಚ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.—ತಾವು ಹೋದ ಮಾರನೇ ದಿವಸ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಜನರು ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಕೊಡದೆ ಗಲಾಟೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಥ ನಾಲ್ಕಾರು ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವೇನು ದೋಷವಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(*ii*) *re*: Alleged misutilisation of the amount by the MSHD Corporation

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to the alleged misutilisation of amount by Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—I make the following statement :—

In July 1971, the Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation moved Government for an additional share capital of Rs. 5 lakhs mainly in order to clear outstanding bills of suppliers,